(b) The State-wise share of Muslim employees in selected State Governments reported by the Committee is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Items 10 (a) to 10 (c) of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme addresses this issue.

Statement

Share of Muslim Employees in Selected State Governments

(Number of Employees: 44,52,851*)

States	Total number of Employees years	Muslim Population (%)	Higher Positions	Lower Positions	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Others
West Bengal	134972	25.2	4.7	1.8	6.7	3.9	2.1	2.5	1.4
Kerala	268733	24.7	10.3	10.4	11.8	10.1	11.1	9.1	10.5
Uttar Pradesh	134053	18.5	7.5	4.9	4.6	8.0	4.3	5.4	6.7
Bihar	78114	16.5	7.2	7.6	7.9	7.0	7.3	8.4	5.2
Assam	81261	30.9	10.2	11.4	9.2	10.7	11.5	9.9	10.5
Jharkhand	15374	13.8	3.8	7.2	4.0	3.7	9.0	4.5	-
Karnataka	528401	12.2	4.9	8.9	4.7	5.1	9.3	6.0	-
Delhi	135877	11.7	2.1	3.3	3.5	1.4	3.9	1.1	1.6
Maharashtra	915645	10.6	3.1	4.5	2.3	3.4	4.4	4.6	-
Gujarat	754533	9.1	3.4	5.5	-	-	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	529597	5.8	4.2	2.9	4.0	4.2	3.1	2.5	-
Sum of States	4452851	16.0	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.1	3.3

Note : Higher Positions: aggregate of Group A and Group B, Lower Positions: aggregate of Group C, Group D and others

* 876291 employees from Andhra Pradesh are included in the Sum of States, further breakup of these data is not available.

Tidal energy power plants in Sundarbans

2028. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has plans to execute its first tidal energy power plant at Durgadauri Creek in Sundarbans;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 3.65 MW tidal plant in Sundarbans would make it the fourth largest in the world and the estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 40 crores; and

(c) if so, the other infrastructure details of the proposed plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have provided financial support to the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency (WBREDA) for the preparation of Detailed Project Report and the Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for a 3.65 MW tidal power project for Durgaduani Creek in Sunderbans, West Bengal. WBREDA have submitted these reports to the Ministry.

(b) As per available data, ten tidal power projects of 271.5 MW capacity are in operation, *viz*, one in France (240 MW), one in Canada (20 MW), seven in China (total capacity 11 MW) and one in Russia (0.50 MW). As per the revised cost estimates submitted by WBREDA, the project cost of the 3.65 MW capacity Tidal Power Project at Durgaduani Creek has been estimated at Rs. 40 crores.

(c) Infrastructure development of the tidal project include construction of dam, by-pass channel, sluice gates, roads, housing colony, civil works for setting up of turbines, generator, power house, control rooms, transmission lines to evacuate the power, etc.

Availability of renewable energy to common man

2029. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot more is needed to be done to make available renewable energy at an affordable price to the common man; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b)